

Canada Freedom Rights Movement

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Introduction:

1. I served as a Regular Member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) from January 29th, 2007 until December 15th, 2021. From January 2007 to June 2013, I served in Yukon Territory predominantly as a uniform General Duty Investigator. During my time in Yukon, I also served on the Emergency Response Team, and performed temporary assignments investigating street level drug trafficking and homicides.
2. In July 2013 I transferred to Ottawa, and served eight years as a full-time sniper / observer on the National Division Emergency Response Team. During this time in Ottawa, I was regularly involved in Tactical planning for large scale protective operations including; Canada Day 150, North American Leaders Summit, and I was the lead tactical planner for VPOTUS Mike Pence visit to Ottawa.
3. I resigned from the RCMP on December 15th, 2021 after publicly speaking on behalf of the advocacy group Mounties 4 Freedom, against serious violations of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms including; Covid-19 vaccine mandate discrimination, the intimidation of Physicians and Scientific experts warning about safety and efficacy concerns of the Covid-19 vaccines, intimidation and defamation of Physicians advocating for safe early treatment protocols, and the targeted media censorship of Professionals countering the official Government, Public Health, and Media narrative.

Origins and Goals of the Freedom Rights Protest (Freedom Convoy):

4. My understanding is that the Initial Freedom Convoy originated in British Columbia and Alberta. From the information available on social media platforms, I observed that multiple Convoys began to join from all regions of Canada converging on the City of Ottawa. The messaging I observed was that the intention of the Protest was to converge on Ottawa, park in the area of the Parliament Precinct, and remain there until vaccination mandates were lifted. As

the multiple Convoy's of protestors approached Ottawa, it appeared that the objective of the Protests evolved to end all mandates impacting employment, mobility, masking, and segregation from public places.

Organization and logistics of the protests:

5. My original role for the protest was to work with other similarly trained Professionals to provide a volunteer security presence for Dr. Byram Bridle, Dr. Paul Alexander, Dr. Francis Christian, Dr. Eric Payne, and Dr. Julie Ponesse, while appearing publicly at the protest as expert guest speakers. This task was identified as a need due to repeated threats made toward a number of these high profile Doctors.
6. On the night of January 25th, 2022 I was contacted by a personal friend, asking for help with coordinating volunteer security for the volunteer organization Adopt-a-Trucker. The Adopt-a-Trucker group had taken on the task of receiving and providing the humanitarian necessities of life to the Freedom Convoy Protestors converging on the City of Ottawa.
7. On the morning of January 26th, 2022 I attended my friends residence and met with six other volunteers, including Mr. Chris Garrah, founder of Adopt-A-Trucker. Adopt-A-Trucker had the gigantic task of identifying different volunteers to fulfill the needs of providing food, shelter, transportation, showers, laundry, security, and First-Aid services to the Protestors. Based on my previous experience involved in Police Tactical planning for large events in the National Capital Region, I quickly realized this would require all my time and effort, and I had to pass my previous responsibility of Doctor Security to others.

Organization and logistics of the protests:

8. For the duration of the Freedom Rights Protest in Ottawa, I was volunteering out of the Adopt-A-Trucker Operations and Logistics support centre at the Swiss Hotel conference room. The initial days and weekend of the protest, the atmosphere was extremely chaotic. Multiple volunteers, who had never met or worked together before, were scrambling to provide volunteer services to a

massive amount of people within an extremely short notice time frame. After initial days, efforts were made to implement the Incident Command System (ICS) model to improve communication amongst the different volunteer groups and protest logistic support efficiency. Additional volunteer services that Adopt-A-Trucker took on included sanitation, media / public relations campaign, and the daily organization of audio / visual equipment and guest speakers, and daily operation of the stage truck on Wellington.

9. The other primary logistics centre that I visited multiple times was located at the ARC Hotel, predominantly made of Truck Captains and other volunteers that arrived from various regions of Canada. This logistic centre was responsible for matters related to large truck movements and operations.
10. Another group, identified as Canada Unity, was based out of Confederation park. I received direction within initial days of the protest that Adopt-A-Trucker was independent from the Canada Unity group, and we were not required to provide volunteer services for them.

Social Media use by protest participants and organizers:

11. The week prior to the different Convoy's arriving in Ottawa, I had a brief phone call with Tamara Lich. She requested Mounties 4 Freedom (M4F) help with monitoring and responding to different messages coming into the different Social Media platforms, as it had become an overwhelming task while protestors were still travelling toward Ottawa. I passed on her contact information to other Members of M4F to make contact on specifics.
12. During the Freedom Rights Protests that surrounded the Convoy's time in Ottawa, My own Social Media footprint was minimal. The Adopt-A-Trucker media relations team was actively disseminating information to counter the Government and mainstream media narrative of uneducated, racist, science deniers intending on overthrowing the Government.

13. Additionally, I was aware of a seemingly endless amount of live-stream footage, social and independent media coverage of the Freedom Rights Protests operating completely independent of the volunteer operations and logistics centers.

14. Below is a detailed account of my interactions with Ottawa Police Service (OPS), Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), RCMP, and Parliamentary Protective Service (PPS) between January 26th, 2022 - February 15th, 2022:

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15. At approximately mid-day, I contacted Ottawa Police Services Liaison Officer Constable Isabelle Cyr-Pidcock by telephone. I described who I was and advised that I would be the main point of contact for volunteer security. Constable Cyr-Pidcock advised that OPS would be providing a map package outlining designated routes and staging areas for the approaching Freedom Convoys.

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16. 13:44 I received an email from Cst. Cyr-Pidcock detailing route and staging instructions, including specifics about no parking areas and emergency services lanes.

17. 17:03 I received the updated map package from Cst. Cyr-Pidcock regarding the Convoy's entry routes and staging areas within Ottawa.

18. 19:59 I emailed an introduction about my role as the main point of contact for volunteer security to Cst. Cyr-Pidcock (OPS), Cst. Christopher Angel (RCMP), and Cst. Emelie Gosselin (PPS);

19. I am a recently resigned RCMP Officer from National Division here in the NCR. I was recently asked to come help organize the volunteer security for the group warroomcanada.net. This group has taken on the task of reception and hosting the truck convoys converging in Ottawa. Please rest assured that all organizers of the convoy group are operating under strict instructions that every single

person involved must be respectful and lawful at all times. Any information you may come across on social media platforms, or other sources, about obtaining MP's addresses or instigating any kind of insurrection are completely false. The single largest concern of everyone involved is that outside influences will attempt to instigate an action that will damage the credibility of the official convoy group and supporters.

20. I will be your main point of contact regarding volunteer security. If you have any concerns please don't hesitate to contact me”.

21. 21:29 I emailed Tamara Lich the map package and instructions provided by the Ottawa Police Service.

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22. At approximately 11:57 I contacted Cst. Cyr-Pidcock to attempt negotiations for audio visual equipment delivery to have access to Wellington and Metcalfe Street or Parliament Hill. Delivery truck access was denied by OPS Officers on the ground, and Security volunteers were required to carry equipment to the main stage area by hand.

23. I was provided OPS Cst. Paul Askin's contact information as an additional Liaison Officer and informed that Cst. Cyr-Pidcock was re-tasked with the group "Canada Unity" camped at Confederation Park. I was advised that Canada Unity provided possible conflicting information to OPS Officers on the ground regarding the desired final destination of the audio visual equipment.

24. I spoke with Cst. Gosselin about audio video equipment access to Parliament Hill. She advised that the original permit holder, Veronique Audette, would be required in person to gain access to Parliament. Cst. Gosselin said that the podium and stage provided by PPS would be the only structures permitted for use on Parliament Hill.

25. 16:33 I spoke with Cst. Askin about the closing of the intersection at Sir John A MacDonald (SJAM) Parkway and Booth street, to inquire about movement

restrictions at that location. Cst. Askin advised that the Truck Captain near the War Museum could speak directly to Traffic Service Officers on scene at Booth and SJAM about their concerns. He reported that OPS resources were busy on the East end of the downtown core due to the Convoy approaching from the East.

26. Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Liaison, Cst. Andrew Wierzbicki made contact regarding any planned highway moves. I advised I had no information about planned highway moves.

2022-01-29

27.00:26 I attended Booth Street and SJAM parkway and met with OPS Officers on scene to discuss the possibility of allowing more Transport trucks to move into the downtown core after fielding concerns from Truck drivers feeling stranded on SJAM parkway 1.5km away from the main convoy element on Wellington street.

28. The Officers on scene contacted a road Sergeant about my request and advised that the road Sergeant would meet with me.

29. At approximately 02:30 hours, I met with Sgt. Pat Frost and his partner. I rode in the backseat of the Police SUV with Sgt. Frost, touring the downtown core in attempts to identify suitable locations where Transport Trucks could be moved closer into the downtown core / Wellington street area. Sgt. Frost also identified areas restricted to transport trucks to facilitate emergency vehicle access and primary bus routes; for example, Albert, Slater, and Laurier Avenue.

30.04:30 Concluded the downtown tour with Sgt. Frost. Sgt. Frost advised he would take the information about possible truck relocation to Commanders at the National Capital Regional Command Centre (NCRCC).

31.10:50 I spoke with Cst. Gosselin about the closing of public washrooms on Parliament Hill. She advised that the washrooms were closed due to the inability to handle the surge in public capacity from the protestors.

32.23:05 I sent a screen shot photo to OPS Cst. Cyr-Pidcock, Cst. Askin, and RCMP Cst. Angel regarding information about an unidentified male in Ottawa wearing body armour. The unidentified male had reportedly said, "They don't realize what things will be like when the hard boys show up with a legitimate beef".

2022-01-30

33.11:15 I emailed the various Police liaisons about second hand information that the BMR in Smiths Falls, Ontario had received an order of 4 pallets of bricks for delivery to downtown Ottawa. The order had been reportedly cancelled. This was reported for situational awareness for Law Enforcement. Pre-staging bricks has reportedly been a tactic used by other protest groups to throw at Officers or damage property.

34.11:17 Email sent to Police liaisons information of unknown reliability, from two social media sources, post about a conspiracy to stage a hit and run with a tractor trailer hitting a horse. Included in the post was information about a female Prime Ministers Protection Detail Officer named "Johnson". Information passed on due to presence of Mounted Police units in Ottawa downtown.

35.11:55 Follow-up email sent to Police liaisons to clarify that if Police received reports of someone ordering Bricks for downtown Ottawa in my name, that was a false alarm because I had spoken with the Rona in Smith Falls regarding the earlier alleged Brick order.

36.12:30 Photos of unidentified male wearing body armour and red "Canada First" ball cap sent to Police liaisons. Also photographs of two males with balaclava style masks, identified as potential instigators sent to Police liaisons.

37.13:00 I spoke with OPP Cst. Wierzbicki in regard to the Airport Commission in Arnprior, and vehicles remaining at Arnprior staging area. I did not have specific information about vehicles remaining staged in Arnprior.

38.15:54 I spoke with OPS Cst. Askin about reports of rocks being thrown at Police and he confirmed he had received no such reports. Cst. Askin advised that the

official messaging liaisons had received about movement through and around Police barricades was that Police would only facilitate the eventual egress of Trucks.

39.16:50 I received a report about riots at the intersection of Booth street and SJAM Parkway, including information that items had been thrown at the Police. I contacted Truck driver, Dave Dietrich, and OPS Cst. Askin for further details. Both Dietrich and Cst. Askin independently confirmed that no altercations had occurred.

40.17:09. I spoke with OPS Cst. Askin about a male identified as Stu and James Bauder from the group Canada Unity presenting themselves as organizers. I advised that to my knowledge, Canada Unity was operating independently from the Truck Captains and Adopt-a-Trucker.

41.17:36 I received information from SJAM Parkway that Trucks had been completely blocked from re-routing from the area, and were unable to turn right onto Booth street. I advised I would discuss with Ottawa Police liaison to avoid tension building with the Police.

42.18:50 I received the following information from the Ottawa Police Service; Police were not permitting any food or fuel re-supply through any checkpoints in the downtown core, Police would not allow replacement transport trucks into downtown to backfill trucks that required rest and refuel, and Police would not allow regular cars and trucks to be moved out of the downtown core and replaced with transport trucks.

43.20:46 I alerted OPS Cst. Askin by text message of two counter protestors identified as potential instigators. I also confirmed with him that the yelling directed at Police at Booth and SJAM earlier in the day, was from the crowd that had attended on foot, not from the truck drivers.

44. I now know, and shown to me and provided as an attachment to this statement, that on this day I was designated a "Person of Interest" ("**POI**") by the Ontario Provincial Police by way of a POI profile. A POI is a general term to refer to a

person who may be relevant, but the threshold of reasonable and probable grounds of suspected criminal activity has not been met to re-classify the person as a suspect or primary target of a criminal investigation. A POI may be subject to a “Be On Lookout For” or BOLF, for general Police situational awareness for monitoring for further intelligence or evidence gathering.

45. In the POI Profile made by the Ontario Provincial Police therein it states that it is believed that I had leaked the Prime Minister’s schedule some months prior to January 30, 2022. That is categorically false. The first I have ever even heard of this allegation was upon reading the POI Profile on October 21, 2022. At no time have I ever leaked anything to anyone or any tradecraft that I obtained in my duties as a member of the RCMP and the Emergency Response Team.

2022-01-31

46.10:53 I received third hand information about a truck driver being arrested for driving into a Police vehicle in the area of Rideau street and Mackenzie avenue. I contacted Cst. Askin and he reported that there was no Tactical situation, and this incident was a traffic control issue unrelated to the Convoy.

47.13:00 Daily contact with OPP Cst. Wierzbicki, no issues.

48.14:06 I spoke with OPP Cst. Wierzbicki regarding information about a blockade in the area of the 417 West bound near the intersection with Limoges Road. Cst. Wierzbicki advised he had no information regarding any such blockade.

49.18:14 I received information about a white Ford F250 pickup truck trying to rally people to block intersections near the area of Gloucester and Bay Street. White F250 was described as having a Saskatchewan plate and possibly accompanied by another vehicle with Ontario plate CSPT915. Convoy supporters advised that they told the people associated both vehicles not to block intersections. This information was emailed to OPS Cst. Cyr-Pidcock and Cst. Askin to clarify any such action was not advocated by the Freedom Convoy.

2022-02-01

50.12:21 I received a call about an aggressive unidentified male at the crane truck stage at Wellington and Metcalfe trying to fight with Jason MacDonald. Police were called and the subject was removed.

51.12:30 Photograph of the aggressive male from the stage sent to Police liaisons.

52.12:38 I received information about an agitated person of interest, dressed in all black clothing with a fur lined hood, in the Wellington and Metcalfe area. The agitated male was reportedly followed by the Police for a short period of time and was observed walking into a Federal building at 63 Sparks street.

53.12:49 I received a phone call from OPP Cst. Wierzbicki about a truck driver in a white Peterbuilt with a large Alberta flag on the back. It was reported that the truck driver had made some concerning comments at the Antrim truck stop with biblical references. Cst. Wierzbicki requested assistance in locating the truck and driver to complete a wellness check.

54.12:56. I spoke with Dave Dietrich (truck driver) and requested a be on the lookout for (BOLF) broadcast be made amongst the truck drivers regarding the White Peterbuilt with Alberta flag.

55.12:58 I advised OPP Cst. Wierzbicki of action taken by Convoy in regard to BOLF request.

56.15:15 I received an update from OPP Cst. Wierzbicki that the White Peterbuilt with AB flag had been located and everything was ok.

57.18:35 I received information about a black BMW convertible with Quebec plate FRS1600, spinning tires in a pedestrian crowded area. The car had a rental sticker in the back window of vehicle with phone number 514-516-7070. The driver appeared to be Russian descent and claimed to be with the truckers. Information passed onto Police liaisons in effort to counter the CBC narrative that the Freedom Convoy was possibly funded by Russian influence.

58.20:14 I received information about complaints regarding the horn honking in the area of Rideau and Sussex. I followed up with the complainant Mr. Denis Condi (613-223-2550), a resident of the Condo building at the corner of Rideau and Sussex. He advised that the majority of the residential buildings in the area were vacant, but that he was calling on behalf of some elderly residents having a hard time sleeping through the night. I advised him that the Truck Captains had already established and communicated a schedule to eliminate honking through the night, and that I would follow-up with the Truck Captains.

59.21:35 I received information about transport trucks being vandalized in the area of 262 Kent street through the middle of the night. Vandals had reportedly attempted to cut fuel lines and had been banging on the doors of trucks in the middle of the night. I advised the complainant to report any vandalism of trucks to the Police, and if possible to establish a night patrol due to minimal security volunteer resources available 24/7.

2022-02-02

60.09:53 I spoke with OPS Cst. Askin regarding Police allowing more portable toilets access to the downtown core. He advised that there was ten toilets in the area of the Laurier bridge.

61.19:12 I advised OPS Cst. Askin of a suspicious couple that had attended the Swiss Hotel. The female was described as english speaking, 5'6" tall, medium build, long braided hair, wearing a zippered jacket with a hooded sweatshirt underneath bearing a symbol resembling a sword through a circle. The male was described as indigenous, mid-thirties, 5'10" tall, medium build, with short hair. The female reportedly said, "There's a new Queen in Canada, you just don't know it yet".

62.19:40 I advised OPS Liaisons about information received that the People of Colour for Freedom Convoy had a Reddit thread about plans to protect the Ottawa Police HQ on Elgin street from a counter protest planned for Ottawa Police HQ and City Hall on the upcoming Saturday, February 5th, 2022 from

12:00 - 17:00. The People of Colour for Freedom Convoy planned to form a human chain with linked arms to protect the Ottawa Police HQ.

2022-02-03

63.13:30 I was at the ARC hotel on Slater street in downtown Ottawa following a press conference at the Marriott Hotel. Myself, Chris Barber, and a group of Convoy personnel were alerted to an incident in progress at the intersection of Slater and Metcalfe between members of the Freedom Convoy and the New Queen of Canada group. We attended on foot, and Ottawa Police Service was already on scene. It appeared a Freedom Convoy supporter used his pickup truck to block the movement of the New Queen of Canada group at the intersection to prevent them from attending Parliament Hill to burn a Canadian flag.

64.13:45 I returned to the ARC hotel, and while speaking with people inside the lobby I witnessed an RV, belonging to the New Queen of Canada group, stopped on Slater Street in front of the ARC hotel. A group of Convoy supporters were standing in front of the RV in attempt to stop the RV from proceeding. I witnessed the RV move forward, and one of the Indigenous clan mothers fell to the ground, with her legs were underneath the front bumper of the RV. The RV continued to drive slowly forward, pushing the clan mother backward in a semi-seated position on the road, while other Convoy supporters banged on the hood and yelled at the driver to stop.

65.I ran outside onto the street, and cleared the pedestrian supporters out of the way of the RV. The RV proceeded East bound toward the Ottawa Police at the intersection of Metcalfe and Slater. Convoy supporters obtained video evidence of the RV driver and license plate. I contacted OPS Cst. Askin about the dangerous driving, and he advised that a Police report should be filed by the Clan mother victim.

66.The victim of the dangerous driving was identified as Clan mother Noelne Villebrun of Yellowknife, NWT (867-445-5421). Another Clan mother, who witnessed the dangerous driving incident, was identified as Sandra McKenzie of

Grande Prairie, AB (780-536-0761). I advised both Villebrun and McKenzie of the recommendation from Cst. Askin.

67.22:22 I forwarded information to OPS, RCMP, and PPS regarding a local Ottawa male known to be a public safety concern with frequent contact with local Police. I forwarded screen shots of social media posts (Facebook) of Andre J. P. Lacasse. In the posts, Mr. Lacasse encouraged others to fight the Cops, provided details about his arrest for carrying weapons, self-identified himself as a terrorist who makes fireworks like bombs, and stated that the Freedom Convoy people are evil and supporters will face consequences.

68.Of Note: CBC article on February 1st, 2022 reported that Mr. Andre Lacasse, 37 years old, was charged with carrying a weapon in a public meeting, and implied that he was a part of the Freedom Convoy. The same article identified another Ottawa resident, Matthew Dorken, was charged with mischief under \$5000.00. The article implied that Dorken was also part of the Freedom Convoy, however it is believed that Dorken was reported to Police by a Truck driver after witnessing Dorken break a window of a downtown business (possibly a Shoppers Drug Mart). Despite daily interactions I had with multiple Police Liaisons, neither of the above mentioned criminal offences were communicated to me as a concern from Law Enforcement.

2022-02-04

69.16:00 I spoke with OPP Cst. Wierzbicki regarding an issue at Confederation Park. He reported that Canada Unity had set up a structure in Confederation park without proper ceremony or permission from the Algonquin - Anishinabe people. I advised Cst. Wierzbicki that Adopt-a-Trucker volunteers had no interactions with Canada Unity due to previous personality conflicts.

70.I advised Cst. Wierzbicki of conflict between “The New Queen of Canada” and the Clan mothers who accompany Tamara Lich. The Clan mothers had expressed the exact same concern to me the previous day, regarding the improper ceremony and failing to obtain proper permission from the Algonquin - Anishinabe people.

71. Cst. Wierzbicki asked me about Pat King's involvement in the Convoy. I replied that I had limited knowledge of, and almost zero contact with, Mr. King. He appeared to me as a social media personality with a following, seeking notoriety by attaching himself to the Freedom Convoy. Furthermore, Mr. King had no influence on day to day operations of the Adopt-a-Trucker volunteers.

2022-02-05

72. 08:30 I forwarded information to the Police Liaisons about reported sabotage tactics directed toward Transport trucks and the Freedom Convoy. Specifically information regarding an individual identified as @noellenarwhal reporting from Ram-Ranch. The email included unverified information regarding poisoning of truckers, sabotage with sugar in fuel tanks, and placing propane bottles around Parliament Hill as IED's. Individuals identifying with "Ram-Ranch" had made repeated trolling phone calls to Adopt-a-Trucker hot-line and left a number of threatening and obscure messages.

73. 14:25 I received information that Bikers (reported to be possibly linked to Hells Angels, and possibly armed) had been asked to support Security for VIP speakers staying at the ARC hotel. I simultaneously received a picture of two unidentified males, wearing biker vests displaying 1% patches, "Profanum", and bottom rocker "UNDIAL", in the area of the stage truck. I advised OPS, OPP, PPS, and RCMP of the presence of two males in the crowd. I contacted people associated to the VIP's at the ARC and provided strict instructions that absolutely nobody was to be accompanied by anyone associated to an Outlaw Motorcycle gang (OMG). I also directed trusted Security Volunteers to the ARC to support VIP Security.

74. I followed up with Security Volunteers near the stage and was advised that the two Bikers appeared to have moved on. I attended the ARC Hotel to seek information on how Bikers had been brought into the Security situation. I was advised that the Security sourced for the ARC hotel were Military Veterans, and the Outlaw Motorcycle Gang (OMG) involvement was likely an over-exaggeration. I was already aware of the Veteran Motorcycle group that attends every Remembrance Day and Police Memorial Service in Ottawa.

75.22:20 I updated the OPP, OPS, RCMP, and PPS regarding the Biker situation. I clarified that the people sourced for Security were Military Veterans, not members of an OMG. The other two unidentified males photographed in the crowd were not Security volunteers. I stressed to other Convoy supporters the negative impact that would result in being photographed or linked to any OMG personnel.

2022-02-06

76.12:20 I received information from a confidential source that an Ottawa woman, identified as Natalie Daniel, had provided information about a possible bomb threat. Ms. Daniel had said that an unidentified male, known to Police, had been hired to place a bomb in the area of a School and the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) near Kent and Catherine Street, possibly at the NE corner of the 417 overpass. The suspect male was described as early forties, dark brown hair, scruffy, anxious, and a loner. The suspect male was described as living North of Nepean, on the West side of Kent street, in an apartment above a storefront business built of orange brick and dark coloured windows. The suspect had been recruited to place the bomb by a second male that approached him while wearing a dark grey business suit. The unknown male who allegedly hired the suspect to place the bomb was scheduled to meet with the suspect the coming Tuesday morning to instruct how to detonate the device, and would be dressed like a trucker.

77.I called the Ottawa Police and reported the information related to the bomb threat. I was provided Police file# 22-31431 by Cst. Norman Mesic, and I provided the same details to OPS Cst. Askin.

78.19:30 I received information that two people had been arrested at the Coventry road Staging area. It was unknown what offence they had been arrested for, conflicting information about mischief or terrorism related charges.

79.23:30 I spoke with one of the people arrested at Coventry Road earlier in the evening, Mr. Dan Laliberte. He said he had been arrested at 18:36 for aiding and

abetting mischief. At the cell block he refused to let Police put a mask on his face. He said that he bit the mask and spit it on the floor, at which point approximately five Officers forced a spit-hood onto this head in the cell block. Ultimately he was released without charge. The other male who had been arrested with him witnessed the cell block incident involving the spit hood. I provided him with lawyer contact information from The Democracy Fund.

2022-02-08

80.10:05 I spoke with OPP Cst. Wierzbicki and expressed my concern and displeasure with the psychological operation being waged on Convoy participants by the government and Police in regard to allegations of Terrorism and threat of Child Protective Services investigations. I told him that I was disgusted by Police leadership. The Freedom Convoy had done everything to cooperate with Police to maintain peace public and Police safety with almost zero cooperation in return, including obstructing the servicing of portable toilets neglecting basic sanitation needs of citizens. I told him that Police leadership is knowingly attempting to instigate a strong emotional reaction from Convoy participants by using inflamed rhetoric and threatening the involvement of Child Protective Services.

2022-02-10

81.15:30 I received a phone call from Detective Chris Benson (Ottawa Police Homicide). He requested to speak to me as a witness in regarding to a mischief investigation. I advised that I would speak with legal counsel before agreeing to provide a statement, but that I certainly did not support people being arrested for mischief for fueling trucks. I re-emphasized my reason for taking on the Volunteer Security role to assist the Convoy in maximizing public and Police safety, and all of the efforts made by Convoy participants to remain peaceful and vigilant for possible threats to public safety.

2022-02-11

82.05:00 While on foot patrol of downtown core, I spoke to a group of approximately 20 plain clothes Police Officers having breakfast at the Elgin Street Diner. I stated that if they knew that what was happening in Canada and mandates were wrong, that Canadians needed them right now to stand up for our fundamental freedoms.

2022-02-12

83.06:30 I attended Metcalfe and Wellington to attempt a negotiation with the male parked in the intersection with his black sedan over multiple days. I had received multiple complaints regarding his threatening behaviour toward people, and safety concerns regarding his vehicle parked in the middle of the intersection when large crowds of people were present near the stage truck. Security and stage volunteers had advised that he was provided an opportunity to speak on stage, but he was not granted the indefinite amount of time he desired.

84.The male identified himself as “Black Buffalo”. I asked him what he wanted to say or do in order to be satisfied to the point where he would be agreeable to moving his car from the middle of the intersection. He became very agitated, repeating the phrase, “blood clots”. I maintained that my only intention was to ask him what it was that he wanted from the Convoy volunteers to satisfy his demands.

85.While I was speaking with him, a group of people began to gather. Another male drove a white sedan into the intersection, somehow avoiding Police barricades, and parked at the NE corner of the intersection. Black Buffalo became very angry at this perceived incursion into his territory, and began yelling at the second driver, demanding he be removed from the area. Multiple people interjected themselves into the situation with intention of de-escalation, however the male identified as Black Buffalo grew continuously more agitated.

86. Black Buffalo shoved a small female from behind, launching her into myself. Once this happened another man squared off and prepared to fight with Black Buffalo. Black Buffalo pulled a thick metal pry-bar out of his car, approximately 2.5 ' in length, and threatened to hit the other man with the pry bar. Black Buffalo made threatening gestures toward other people present, jerking the pry-bar backwards as if preparing to swing. I moved people away from him to create distance, and eventually he put the pry-bar in his car. The man who squared off to fight with Black Buffalo spoke with the PPS who called the Ottawa Police Service.
87. Ottawa Police Officers arrived on scene. I told the Officers about what had occurred and **the Patrol Sergeant advised that the Police did not pursue common assault charges as per direction from the Crown Prosecutor's Office.** One of the Officers advised that a Police Liaison Team would attend later in the day to follow-up with the male identified as Black Buffalo.

2022-02-13

- 88.** On this approximate date, in the afternoon and evening, I was contacted by OPS Liaison believed to be identified as Cst. Chris Lamarche. He messaged me requesting that I direct the large trucks and protest vehicles at the corner of Rideau and Sussex to move from that location, identified as priority for the City and OPS. I responded that I was not responsible for directing Truck movements or operations and referred him to the Logistics centre at the ARC hotel. I do not recall Cst. Lamarche making reference to any concern about high risk of violence, weapons, or criminal element. Rather I was under the impression that it was more of a traffic flow issue due to a major intersection at Wellington / Rideau, MacKenzie, and Colonel By drive. I do not have text record of this conversation because it was lost from my phone when I removed the Signal App from my phone prior to my arrest to protect the identify of other protestors.
- 89.17:00 I was contacted by OPP Liaison, believed to be Sgt. Matt Emer. He said that approximately 50-70 farm tractors had attended the Cornwall bridge and that an Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service Constable had been pushed back away from the bridge. The OPP warned that the community of the Akwesasne

Mohawk nation had been preparing to respond with three excavators to remove tractors. OPP managed to get the farm tractors to depart. Sgt. Emer wanted to pass on the message that the Akwesasne Mohawk community is a sovereign nation, and the OPP would not attend if someone involved in a convoy got into trouble on their territory and needed rescued.

90.18:55 I received believed reliable information that firearms may be planted in or around Freedom Convoy trucks to discredit the people messaging and reputation of the Convoy. This coincided with the timeline of arrests in Alberta and the recent theft of 2000 firearms from a tractor trailer unit in Peterborough Ontario. Also, the very first question asked by mainstream media after the Tamara Lich and Brian Peckford joint press conference, was about the possible presence of firearms in the Ottawa Freedom Convoy.

91.19:41 I advised OPS Cst. Cyr-Pidcock about the firearm information. Cst. Cyr-Pidcock reported that both the RCMP and PPS would be advised through Ottawa Police.

92.19:55 I advised OPP Liaison Dave Peace about the firearm information.

93.20:04 I requested a mass communication be pushed out to the Convoy regarding the firearm information and reminding everyone to remain vigilant for suspicious people and events.

94.21:55 I recorded a video message for public distribution regarding the firearm information.

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95. After consulting with other experienced investigators, the following reasons formed my suspicion that the theft of 2000 firearms may have been an undercover operation scenario:

1). Police reported it didn't appear to be a targeted theft because other commercial premises had attempted thefts. It's suspicious that the only successful theft occurred with a trailer loaded with 2000 firearms.

2). Suspect vehicle was a blue 4 door sedan. It should've been possible to identify the make of the vehicle and include in the press release.

3). Two video shots of the suspect car (looks similar to an unmarked PC). Neither video shows the driver or a readable front plate. A camera lens issue seems questionable.

4). Savage Arms quotes, "Strict security measures were in place and local authorities were notified immediately". Two cameras that provide poor quality images is not consistent with strict security measures. Was there an alarm systems? 4.5 hours from theft to report made to the Police seems an excessive delay.

5). Many trucking companies now have fleet GPS tracking capability. If Deck Transport is a licensed firearm carrier, wouldn't it be prudent and standard to have this capability on a tractor trailer loaded with 2000 firearms?

6). The recovery of the trailer was reported with no indication if any of the firearms were missing. Missing firearms would be important information for the public and other Police Services to know. The trailer was sent back to Savage Arms for an inventory, wouldn't there be a bill of lading?

I discussed these concerns with JCCF counsel Eva Chipiuk, and a staff member with the JCCF completed a FOIP request to the Peterborough Police department regarding the 2000 firearms theft.

96. On this approximate date, during mid-day, I received a phone call from an Ottawa Police Sergeant in the Source Development Unit wishing to speak with me about the intelligence I received regarding the possibility of the firearms planted amongst the Convoy. The Officer identified himself as Sgt. Gort (Sp?). He was attempting to arrange a source meet. I advised him that all of the information that was provided to me was already provided to the various Police

agencies. During the conversation I said that I suspected the 2000 firearm theft from Peterborough was a planned scenario in order to inject an undercover operator into the Freedom Convoy. Sgt. Gort replied by saying that almost all of those firearms had been recovered.

97. Later in the afternoon, Myself, Vincent Gircys, and Eddie Cornell encountered a lone male while leaving the Sheraton Hotel by service exit after a joint press conference. The male was observed in the hotel kitchen by himself, looking underneath counters and between appliances. I asked him if he worked at the hotel and if he could direct us out. He mumbled under his breath and departed the kitchen immediately. He was alone, visibly uncomfortable with our presence, and carrying a back-pack. I caught up to him on the street outside of the lobby and tried to ask him who he was. He continued walking and asked me what my problem was. I took out my phone and captured a photograph of him due to the suspicious circumstances of the encounter, high profile Convoy representatives staying at the Sheraton, the immediate recency of the press conference, and the recent information about the planting of firearms. Hotel Security was advised of the encounter.

98. 19:25 I passed on the Information about the lone male encountered at the Sheraton Hotel to the OPS, OPP, and the RCMP.

99. OPP Cst. Dave Peace, and two OPS Liaison Officers identified as Meg and Adam, attended the Swiss Hotel to meet with Volunteer coordinators and Tamara Lich. The Police Liaisons attended to discuss the recent document provided by Police to Convoy participants. I expressed my disappointment at people being targeted for mischief and the rhetoric being used by Police leadership and Government officials to describe the Convoy. I spoke with Cst. Peace about the growing concern of Police using force against peaceful protests with zero negotiation beforehand. **I knew that Cst. Peace was a Critical Incident Crisis Negotiator, and that we both knew that under other circumstances Incident Commanders would never authorize the launching of a tactical option unless there was an immediate risk to life, or all negotiation efforts had been exhausted.** I said to the Police liaisons that they knew the Protest was peaceful and that using force in this situation was wrong. I reminded the Police

liaisons that the world was watching Ottawa, and if the Police moved on the Convoy protestors with force, then the little credibility the Government and Police had left would be destroyed.

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100. After the arrest of Chris Barber, I received information that the Ottawa Police were preparing to arrest people identified as convoy organizers. Myself, Tamara Lich, and others went for a walk in the downtown core of Ottawa. We approached an Ottawa Police Patrol Sergeant parked on Metcalfe, between Sparks and Wellington. We presented ourselves to the Police Sergeant for arrest if necessary. The Police Sergeant called into the National Capital Region Co-ordination Centre (NCRCC), and advised us that there was no information regarding our planned arrest.
101. Later that evening, as I was walking with Tamara Lich, an Ottawa Police Vehicle pulled over on the North side of Slater St. Two Uniformed Patrol Officers approached on foot and arrested Tamara Lich only, despite myself and others being present.
102. After I returned to my hotel room, I received a text message from Detective Chris Benson asking why I thought I should be arrested tonight. I responded that I assumed I was viewed as a Convoy organizer (Largely due to Media reporting such). He asked what would be the crime? I replied that I still wasn't certain what crime had been committed, and that I thought we were lawfully protesting in accordance with the Federal Government emergency proclamation. He responded by saying that the occupation was beyond a protest and the trucks had to go. I replied that this was not an occupation.
103. I also advised him of my belief that our own Government was committing crimes against humanity, allowing thousands of Canadians to die because they've been denied life saving treatment and others have been disabled or have died from the vaccine, something a homicide detective may want to consider. I told him that I knew multiple high profile Doctors and Scientists that would love the opportunity to be interviewed if any Police would take them seriously. I told him

that is why I had spoken out and resigned from the RCMP. The National Police said, and did nothing, while Canadians died.

104. I told him that I would not abandon the Truckers because they stood up when Law Enforcement failed to, and they stood up for me and my family when nobody else did. I also advised that every Trucker and supporter that I had spoken with knew to remain peaceful if arrested, and the world would see that it was the Police that were the instigators on behalf of the Government.

105. I told him that I still had faith that most of the Police would do the right thing and refuse to use force against the protest. I also said that unlike Police senior management and the Government, I would never see Police Officers as expendable.

106. I commented that I liked his profile picture of Ragnar Lothbrok, and he replied that we likely had other things in common, one being a desired peaceful outcome. I replied, "Absolutely", and that we took a similar oath, and that if Police stood for fundamental rights and freedoms then all of this ends immediately. I finished the conversation with commenting that we may not agree on everything, but that certainly he would know that I would have his back far more than any politician every would.

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107. During the morning hours, I stood among the protestors at the Rideau and Sussex corner, East of the Senate building. I plead with the Ottawa Police Emergency Services Unit to say no, and refuse to use force against peaceful protestors. The Police would surge forward, taking ground, with no active resistance from the protestors that I observed. At approximately 12:30, I departed the protest line to speak at a press conference at the Lord Elgin Hotel. After the press conference, my wife showed me a text message she received from a neighbour reporting the Police were looking for me to arrest me.

108. At approximately 13:30 I presented myself to the RCMP at the corner of Rideau and Sussex. I said that I heard they were looking for me, and I was there

to turn myself in. I was arrested, chartered, and warned for Mischief as I was escorted to the arrest line between the Westin Hotel and the Shaw Centre. I stood in the arrest line for approximately two hours before handover to the Ottawa Police.

109. **NOTE: The RCMP Officer initially put my hands behind my back, but ultimately did not hand-cuff me. Based on my experience, this is not standard practice, and was likely a professional courtesy because I was not perceived to be a threat to Officer Safety.**

110. During the time I was standing in the arrest line, the Toronto Police Mounted units road past me, toward the Daly avenue underpass. I observed that the last rider on the right flank was having difficulty controlling their horse. The horse was lurching with a partial sideways motion, out of formation. I saw that the rider was trying to make the horse proceed forward, while also pulling back on the reigns and bridle in the horses mouth. I said to the RCMP officer that arrested me that the rider was confusing the horse, trying to make it go forward and stop at the same time.

111. Eventually I was turned over to the Ottawa Police hand over team, and transported to the Ottawa Police cell block in the Elgin street HQ. At approximately 17:00, I was lodged in the OPS Cell block. I was advised that I was being investigated for mischief, disobeying a court order, and obstruction. I was searched and provided an opportunity to speak with a Criminal Defence lawyer, before being lodged in cells.

112. At approximately 23:50 I was removed from the cell and met by Detective Chris Benson and another unidentified Detective. The Detectives escorted me upstairs to an interview room. Detective Benson asked me why I was there, and I responded because I had been arrested for mischief, disobeying a court order, and obstruction. Detective Benson asked me if I had asked to be arrested. I told him about the message received from the neighbour on my wife's phone, how I presented myself to the RCMP, and was arrested. Detective Benson appeared visibly annoyed at my presence in custody, and advised that I was not being charged. Detective Benson said he wasn't going to interview me, and that I was being released. He also said that the situation in Ottawa needed to end, and I

replied that I agreed. He told me that many people had been hurt during the day, and I asked from which side. He said people from both sides, and I replied that our message had been to remain peaceful no matter what. He said he didn't know if everyone had remained peaceful through-out the day, then he escorted me to the front door.

113. On my walk from the OPS HQ, I spoke with an RCMP officer on Elgin Street. I asked about injuries, and he replied that he had only heard about the horse trampling incident. He said that there was conflicting information about the woman's injuries, and that she was believed to be ok. I asked two OPP Officers at a checkpoint near the National Arts Centre if all OPP were ok today, and they replied that they were all good. I asked an Ottawa Police Officer the same question on the East side of the Shaw Centre and received the same response, that they were ok.

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114. Reviewing my emails, I saw that I had received an email on February 15th, 2022 from RCMP Protective Intelligence Officer, Cst. Chris Angel regarding the information I had provided OPS and public messaging about the 2000 firearm theft from Peterborough coinciding with the source information about the possible planting of firearms among the Freedom Rights Protests:

"Hey Dany,

OPS advised you informed them of firearms stolen from Peterborough which will be planted around the Freedom Convoy demo to make the participants and peaceful demo appear dangerous. Do you have any more information on these guns? Have any been located on site? Do you know who is putting this plan to action? Civilian lead? Other demonstrators not associated with you? Any association to organized crime? Is someone supposed to tip off police?

Any info is helpful.

Thanks very much Dany!"

This was my reply by email:

“All I can say is that the source is believed reliable. I only said that the information of creating a "false flag" of weapons around the Convoy correlated with the timing of the "2000" firearms being stolen from Peterborough. I was spoken to by an Ottawa Police Sgt. in the source unit following that information, and he told me most of the firearms had been recovered..yet almost no news coverage. I have received no further details beyond what I've shared”.

Final response from Cst. Angel:

“Yes. Copy. Noted. Thanks for getting back to me!

Cj”

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115. 10:45 I messaged OPS Cst. Cyr-Pidcock, Cst. Askin, OPP Cst. Wierzbicki, Cst. Peace, and RCMP Cst. Angel regarding allegations publicized by Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino that some Ottawa residents had been threatened with rape by Convoy participants. Only OPP Cst. Wierzbicki and Cst. Peace replied. Both OPP Officers replied that they were not part of investigations and cannot say for certain, but neither of them had heard anything about allegations of uttering threats of rape. At no time during the Freedom Convoy in Ottawa did any Police ever report any such concerns about threats of this nature.

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116. I was contacted by OPP Intelligence Officer Cst. Dayna Lester. Cst. Lester and partner wanted to arrange a meeting with me to discuss public safety concerns associated to future Freedom Rights Movement protests. When Cst. Lester had specific concerns about two males believed to have connections to Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs. During the discussion, she asked me about one specific named

individual, and another male identified only by first name and description. I had no previous knowledge of or contact with either male. During the discussion, Cst. Lester acknowledged that she believed the original Freedom Convoy protestors had good intentions, but she was now concerned about nefarious elements trying to capitalize on the Freedom Rights Movement to advance their own agenda. I told her that was always the primary concern of the Volunteers, Truck Captains, and protestors during the protests in Ottawa.

117. After the discussion with Cst. Lester, I followed up with an independent source regarding the specific named individual of concern to the OPP, and I was advised that this specific male has a pattern of behaviour of infiltrating groups on-line, and is believed to be an agent provocateur, possibly a Federal Agent.

Impact of the Emergencies Act measures:

118. On approximately February 17th, I became aware that two of my bank accounts were frozen, and I was denied use of my primary credit card. My wife contacted a banking professional with our primary bank to determine if our mortgage and bills would still be able to be automatically withdrawn, and she was informed no transactions would be permitted. Fortunately we had some cash on hand and generously received cash donations from other people supportive of the position we had taken. Contrary to testimony given by Supt. Denis Beaudoin of the RCMP to Parliamentary Committee, I did not receive advanced warning from the Police that my accounts would be frozen. I received no advanced warning despite being paid by the RCMP for nearly 15 years by direct deposit, and having near daily contact with multiple Police agencies through-out the Freedom Rights Protests.
119. I confirmed that the freeze on my accounts was no longer active on February 22nd. I spoke with my primary bank client care services, but the representative would only divulge the account was frozen at the direction of the RCMP under the authority of the Emergency Act. The Bank representative would not divulge what Officer or Unit of the RCMP directed the freezing of the accounts.

120. Another collateral impact of the use of the Emergencies Act, and the Force used by the Police in dismantling the Freedom Rights Protest, has been a major loss of trust in our Police Agencies. My experience within the RCMP created a level of mis-trust of Senior RCMP Management, however I continued to have a strong faith in the professionalism of my fellow operational front-line members. After the invoking of Emergencies Act, I was confident that Police would see first hand the ground truth of the Freedom Rights Protest, and they would see through the false narrative of the Government and media. When the Protest was dismantled in the manner that it was, my faith in Canadian Police as whole was severely damaged.

121. Through-out my involvement with the Freedom Rights Movement, I've repeatedly heard the fear within Canadians that with the extreme dehumanization and hateful rhetoric directed at unvaccinated Canadians. Many are legitimately fearful that the situation in Canada could deteriorate to the point where they may be rounded up and forcibly placed into quarantine camps, forced to be vaccinated, or have their children removed from their custody. This may sound absurd to some, but the fear is real. I've tried to calm that fear through-out by explaining that Canadian Police would not repeat the horrors of history. Since the violent manner in which the Freedom Protest was dismantled after the Emergency Act, people no longer believe me that Canadian Police cannot become political weapons of the Government, and I no longer have the conviction to try and convince them.

Reflections and recommendations:

122. Based on my post Freedom Rights Protest in Ottawa analysis, I highly suspect that Police public order units and Tactical units likely received information in their pre-deployment briefings that protestors were armed. The tactics that I observed on film, of breaching windows and extracting protestors from vehicles at gun-point is a high risk arrest tactic that its typically reserved for violent subjects believed to be armed. Another example is the video of the protestor being struck with what appeared to be a 40mm launcher, and another protestor being kneed repeatedly while pinned down by multiple officers. I've been in similar arrest scenarios where strikes were delivered to a subject on the ground

with multiple officers effecting an arrest. One of the situations involved the subject holding a knife underneath her body, and the second situation was a male that had stolen and allegedly pointed a hand-gun in a public area.

123. I've seen or heard multiple references to protestors being armed, specifically in the area of Rideau and Sussex. I never received any intelligence of a specific criminal element, or armed protestors active in any area of the protest. I deeply care about Police safety, and I would never have been involved or continue to be involved in a situation that I suspected could have been a threat to the Police in Ottawa.

124. My recommendation to the Police would be not rely on Government or Media reporting for intelligence purposes, as it is my belief this is what occurred in Ottawa (Ref: Toronto Star - weapons, and CTV - Who's who in the Freedom Convoy).

125. My recommendation to the volunteers would be to amalgamate the two primary operations / logistic centres early on to improve communication efficiency and consistency.

Other noteworthy moments I experienced during the Freedom Rights Protests include:

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126. I was involved in assisting a University Professor and her son organize a Muslim prayer at the main stage truck. The Professor wanted to take this initiative to help counter the Government and media narrative that the Protestors were racist.

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127. I returned to the Adopt-a-Trucker operations centre after a evening foot patrol. The conference room was full of different truck captains, volunteers, and legal counsel. A previously unknown Quebec businessman was presenting to the

group that he wanted to cooperatively work with the protestors to help dissolve the Quebec and Canadian Parliaments. When this statement was made, I immediately observe the discomfort in the greater group. Lawyer Keith Wilson immediately stood up and said that he would only be involved in a process respecting established democratic process. I also addressed the businessman, expressing that none of us knew who he really was and that his language was concerning and we must maintain the objective of ending mandates and restoring the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. This resulted in the end of this meeting and the departure of the businessman.

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128. I was present at a meeting with Lawyers Keith Wilson and Eva Chipiuk. The Legal team briefed us that the Emergency Act had been invoked without Parliament process. An agreement that had been negotiated to maximize trucks on Wellington and Sir John A MacDonald parkway and remove remainder to offsite locations. We were also briefed of the conditions of the Emergency proclamation was to prevent people from coming to Ottawa with intention to commit violence, block critical infrastructure, or disrupt trade.

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129. I have watched and listened to the evidence of Superintendent Morris of the Ontario Provincial Police. I agree with his testimony, and it corroborates my observations and analysis of the situation.